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Title: Need to provide infrastructure facilities for differently abled persons during the International Wheel Chair and Amputee Sports at Bangalore.

DR. KIRIT PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD WEST): Madam Speaker, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak on a very sensitive issue.

Amidst all the preparations for the Commonwealth Games to be held in New Delhi, a far more low profile event is taking place at Bangalore, that is the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports World Games in which over 1400 athletes from all over the world are participating. They are facing a lot of problems and their event is undermined and ignored.

There are many infrastructural problems. As for example, disabled-friendly toilets are not available. There is lack of basic facility such as access to ramps and inadequate transport arrangements. Suitable wheel chairs are not available for them. Public transport is inadequate and problematic. Lack of planning and infrastructure is also there. It has brought various difficulties to the disabled. There is a lack of sensitivity in our Government and also in our society. When it comes to such matters, we do not only lack the infrastructure, we also often overlook the need for it. Many problems of the disabled are the products of societal blind spot. That is why, I would request that the Union Government should pay proper attention to the disabled and also to the games for the disabled. It is our moral responsibility and it is for the natural justice also.